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BEARINGS FOR FARM MACHINES -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 24 Sep 53

The Moscow Second State Bearing Plant produces hundreds of thousands of bearings for agricultural machines monthly.

In the first 8 months of 1953, the plant turned out 1,843,000 rubles' worth of above-plan production.

BEARING PLANT REDUCES TOOL CONSUMPTION -- Na Peredovom Zavode, Moscow, Profizdat, 1952

In 1949, the Moscow Second State Bearing Plant started operating at a profit for the first time in its history. By reducing production costs 11 percent, the plant was able to turn over 25 million rubles of profit to the state.

Without additional capital investment, with the same number of workers, and the same amount of production area, the plant doubled its output of ball bearings [in a period of 2-3 years].

The plant reduced its consumption of cutting tools and oil far below the figures set by the norm:

Materials Consumed in Machining 25,000 Bearing Rings

<u>Material</u>	<u>Consumption Norm</u> (Number of tools)	<u>Actual Consumption</u> (Number of tools)
Cutting-off tools	47	10
Grooving tools	17	10
Form tools	5	1
Reamers	7	1
Oil	500 kg	420 kg

FULFILLS PLAN EARLY -- Moscow, Moskovskaya Pravda, 25 Sep 53

The Moscow Bearing Repair Plant (Genkin, director) has fulfilled its plan for the first 9 months of 1953 12 days ahead of schedule.

BEARING REPAIR PLANT CUTS COSTS -- Minsk, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 25 Aug 53

The Gomel' Bearing Repair Plant fulfilled its gross-production plan for the first 6 months of 1953 by 104 percent and its commodity output plan by 104.8 percent. Labor productivity in this same period was 104.2 percent [of the plan figure]. In the first 7 months of 1953, the plant made 328,000 rubles' profit above the plan and saved 72,000 kilowatt-hours of electric power. In the second quarter 1953, the plant won second prize in a competition among enterprises of the Ministry of Machine Building USSR. In the first 6 months of 1953, the plant lowered production costs 11.2 percent as compared with the plan figure of 7.6 percent.

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For a long time, worn-out No 506 bearings (TsKB-509) used in the transmission of the SKhTZ tractor were piling up at the plant because of a shortage of repair parts, especially rollers. Finally, the plant organized production of the needed rollers, and used substitutes for materials that were in short supply. Now the plant is preparing to repair No 508 bearings.

The ball shop is turning out defective balls, and overconsuming abrasives and diesel fuel. The production cost of balls considerably exceeds the selling price.

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